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For: APPARATUS FOR TREATMENT OF SPINAL DISORDERS

[X] This application claims priority from each of the following Application Nos./filing dates:

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Enclosed are:

[X] 51 sheet(s) of [] formal [X] informal drawing(s).

[X] An assignment of the invention to ArthroCare Corporation

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[X] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27 [X] is enclosed [] was filed in the earliest of the above-identified patent application(s).

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+130=	\$	OR	+260=	\$
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